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### Hawaiian Telcom Promotes Gess to Vice President - Controller

HONOLULU (Thursday, July 21, 2016) – [Hawaiian Telcom](http://www.hawaiiantel.com) announced that Walter Gess has been promoted to Vice President – Controller. Gess, who has nearly 30 years of experience in audit, accounting and financial reporting, is responsible for the accounting, general ledger, taxation, payroll and accounts payable functions at Hawaiian Telcom.

“Walter, with his deep knowledge and experience in audit and accounting, provides sound guidance on these matters, which assists us as Hawai‘i’s technology leader in developing successful strategies and forecasting future business activities,” said Dan Bessey, Hawaiian Telcom’s Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. “His extensive knowledge of financial reporting including Sarbanes-Oxley compliance supports our success as a trusted local organization.”

Gess previously served as Director – Assistant Controller, a position he was promoted to in 2008. He joined Hawaiian Telcom in 2005 as Senior Manager – Accounting. Prior to that, he spent nearly 20 years with PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Gess earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Accounting from the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa and is a certified public accountant (CPA) in Hawai‘i.

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#### **About Hawaiian Telcom**

*Hawaiian Telcom (Nasdaq: HCOM), headquartered in Honolulu, is Hawai‘i’s technology leader, providing integrated communications, broadband, data center and entertainment solutions for business and residential customers. With roots in Hawai‘i beginning in 1883, the Company offers a full range of services including Internet, video, voice, wireless, data network solutions and security, colocation, and managed and cloud services supported by the reach and reliability of its next generation fiber network and a 24/7 state-of-the-art network operations center. With employees statewide sharing a commitment to innovation and a passion for delivering superior service, Hawaiian Telcom provides an Always On<sup>SM</sup> customer experience. For more information, visit [www.hawaiiantel.com](http://www.hawaiiantel.com).*